

SOME
REMAINS
OF THAT
Ancient and Worthy Servant
of CHRIST,
Daniel Taylor,

OF
Bridport in Dorsetshire :

WITH
Several TESTIMONIES con-
cerning him, and other Friends
of that COUNTY, deceas'd.

*Pfal. 87. 5, 6. And of Zion it shall be said,
this and that Man was born in her : and the
Higbest himself shall establish her.
The Lord shall count when he writeib up the
People, that this Man was born there.*

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T E S T I M O N I E S,
A N D S H O R T
E P I S T L E S,
C O N C E R N I N G
Several Worthy Friends in
the C O U N T Y of *Dorset*,
lately deceased.

THE Design of this short
T R E A T I S E, is to stir up
in the Minds of the Simple,
and Honest-hearted, an Holy Zeal,

to prefer *Truth* and *Righteousness* for their chief Study, hoping, by committing to Posterity, the Noble and Worthy Acts of their Predecessors, Generations to come, as well as this present Age, may be provoked to a Pious Emulation; and that we may lay it to Heart, that the *Righteous are taken away*. Religious TRACTS of this Kind, being to beget in the Reader, a true Love to Piety and Vertue, (the Badges of true Religion) which our deceased Friends, treated of in the following *Testimonies*, were in the Practice of, will be generally acknowledged (I doubt not) by those that knew them. And I verily believe, 'tis the sincere Desire of the Authors submitting to a Publication, that the *Almighty God*, the Author of all *Good*, may be *Glorified*, and his People *Edified*; who in his great Mercy and Loving-kindness, hath, in these latter Ages, bestowed

showed a Measure of the like precious Faith, as to the *Patriarchs* and *Prophets* in Generations past, whereby they overcame the *Armies of the Aliens*, stopped the *Mouths of Lyons*, quenched the *Violence of Fire*, did many mighty Works, and obtained a good Report; having approved themselves Worthy, that their *Names* and *worthy Acts* should be recorded, that others may follow their Footsteps in the Way of *Righteousness* and *Peace*; finishing their Course in a holy Resignation to the Will of their Creator, as I am well satisfied, these our deceased Friends did.

Now, Friendly Reader, if happily thou art thus inclin'd, I bespeak thy Attention to what is contain'd in the following *Testimonies*; most of which I have more than once perus'd, with those short *Epistles* of that Ancient and Worthy Servant of Christ, *Daniel Taylor*, to my inward

Consolation and Refreshment. And being intimately acquainted with him, and dear *Elias Nisbolls*, have often received Instruction by their godly Conversation: the Remembrance of whom, with their wise Deportment, raises a Desire in my Heart, that I may never be unmindful of the *Lord's* infinite *Mercy* and *Goodness*, in bringing me to Acquaintance with his Truth.

Probably *TRACTS* of this Kind may not so much be admired by some, from their being Strangers to the Persons treated of, and so refuse them a Reading; but, if they consider, that may not be the way for them to have the Benefit of such Works, nor does it answer the End of *PRINTING*; and also may too easily pass by the valuable Treasure that might be therein contain'd. Such Considerations, have induced some to give that a serious Reading, which

which at first Sight, they did not so well approve. I can truly say I have been edified, and my Heart tendered in the serious Perusal of such Collections. My sincere Desire is, that every candid Reader may experience the same, in reading the ensuing *Testimonies*. The Authors being worthy of Commendation, for their good Affection to our deceased *Friends* and *Brethren*, in commemorating their Vertues to Posterity; all of whom having left a good Report behind them, and were a sweet Saviour in their Life time. Our Saviour, after he had fed the Multitude, commanded his Disciples to *gather up the Fragments, that nothing be lost*, John 6. 12. which may aptly be applied to the gathering together the Accounts of the Lives of good Men, who in such Stations, as Providence placed them, have been Serviceable in their Day.

The Reason of publishing the ensuing *Collection*, is not through any Desire of appearing in Print, or vain Glorifying, but purely with intent that it may be Instrumental in stirring up many to follow their good Examples, who, as being **ELDERS** in the **CHURCH**, took cheerfully upon them the Over-sight thereof; not for *filthy Lucre's sake*, but of a ready Mind; neither as being *Lord's over God's Heritage*, but were good *Ensamples unto the Flock*, and Family of the Faithful.

In Remembrance whereof, I cannot but commiserate our Loss with the surviving Friends in this County, to have so many eminent Men in the **CHURCH** removed from us in such a little Space of time, that were as Pillars in the spiritual Building, and were as *Burthen-Bearers* amongst us: and having been sensibly affected with Sorrow, in a Consideration
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of the CHURCHES Loss, could do no less than recommend the Fragments of their good Works (the best Monument we can raise to their Memories) hoping thereby to stir up in our Youth a holy Desire to walk in their Footsteps, that they may come up in their Places, and Stead to take Care, in godly Fear, to discharge themselves according to the Ability of their Gifts received (that, as faithful Stewards, they may in like Manner, by a patient Continuance in Well-doing, receive an Assurance of Immortality and Eternal Life) I shall think it well worth my Time and Travel, what is here done; but if it should not have its desired Effect in this present Age, Things of this Nature, may, in future time, be of Service and Help to the Children of GOD; yea, even they that are yet unborn, may have Cause on the Behalf of
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their faithful *Elders* and *Brethrens* Acts, to magnifie that Arm of Power that raised them up in this Age, to bear Testimony to his Power and Goodness, and to the Honour and Praise of the true CHURCH: for saith the Psalmist, Psal. 87. 5. 6. *Of Zion it shall be said, this and that Man was born in her; and the Highest himself shall establishe her. The Lord shall count when he writeth up the People, that this Man was born in her.*

Perhaps to some it may seem somewhat superfluous to say so much in Praise of the Deceased, especially, to the sharp-sighted and acute Wits of the Age, and those, who being in Prejudice against the TRUTH, do not love to hear of the memorable Acts of those that in Obedience walked therein. Such will be apt to overlook, and pass by so mean an Undertaking, as they may suppose

pose this to be, seeing their Delight is more in Speculation, lofty Language and Flights of Wit, which, like a Picture, will more please the Fancy, than edifie the Soul: to please such, this Work was not compos'd, they being generally fill'd with that Knowledge that puffeth up, wanting CHARITY which edifieth, is more in *Fancy*, than *Faith*; in *Shew*, than *Substance*; and in *false Notion*, more than *true Knowledge*; speaking slightly of what they do not understand, yet not without Hope: some such may meet with Instruction, by a serious Reading the following Collection.

'Tis a great Confirmation and Strength to any Soul, under the divine Visitation of GOD, to have the Perusal of the Lives of the faithful ELDERS, that have trode in the same Path before them, as I can experimen-

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perimentally say, such were to me;
that so this may prove to thee, friend-
ly Reader, is the earnest Supplica-
tion of

Thy real Friend,

And,

Soul's Well-Wisher,

Samuel Bownas.

Lymington, the 2d of the
6th Month, 1715.

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Introduction.

Blessed are the Dead which dye in the Lord,
from henceforth: yea saith the Spirit, that
they may rest from their Labours; and their
Works follow them, *Revel. 14. 13.*

Mark the Perfect Man, and behold the Up-
right, for the End of that Man is Peace,
Psalms 37. 37.

The Memory of the Just is blessed: but the
Name of the Wicked shall rot; *Prov. 10. 7.*

TH E Lord having been pleased to
take unto himself our dear and well
beloved Friend, Daniel Taylor, of
Bridport, in the County of Dorset,
and it being my Lot to have a very in-
imate Acquaintance with him for about
Forty six Years, there is a Concern upon
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my Mind, to say something of him. By what I understand, he was convinced of the precious Truth, about the Twentieth Year of his Age: it was my Lot through the great Mercy of God, to be convinced near the same time; we were also near of an Age. He received the Truth in the Love of it; and gave up in Subjection thereunto, by which he was enabled to order his Conversation aright, and so saw the Salvation of God; and made it his Care to walk Wisely and Circumspectly; to give no just Occasion to Jew nor Gentile, nor to the Church of God. He was a constant zealous Frequenter of Meetings, both for Worship, and for the Promoting of good Order in the Church: He was endued with Wisdom from above, to advise and counsel; and very ready to do it as Occasion required; being of an universal Spirit of Love, to serve the Truth and Friends thereof; ready to do Good,
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and communicate unto all, especially unto those that were of the Household of Faith : He shewed his Faith by his Works ; for as the Lord was pleased to bless him with outward Substance, his Heart, his Hands, his House, his Purse, were all open to serve the Lord, his Truth and People therewith. I may, to the Praise of God who made him so, say, he was a well accomplish'd Man : First, A good Husband ; Second, A good Father ; Third, A good Master ; Fourth, A good Relation ; (as many can witness who are Partakers of his Generosity) Fifth, He was a good Neighbour ; his Enemies being Judges. Next, He was a good Subject ; and that which made him so, was, Lastly, his being a **good Christian**, through the great Love of God in Christ Jesus : He was a great Lover of Unity among Brethren ; and if any thing of Discord happened, he was ready to use his utmost Endeavour for an Accommodation ;
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and the Lord was pleased often to bless his Labour of Love with Success, in which he rejoiced.

As the Lord gave him to believe, he also gave him Power to suffer for his Name Sake, which he did Joyfully; to wit, Imprisonments and spoiling of Goods often. There was a violent wicked Informer in that Town, who I think, had few Equals in ENGLAND for that Work: he frequently visited Friends Meetings there; and with Encouragement from some, greater than himself, made Convictions often: This our dear Friend, lay open to Spoil, he keeping a large Shop of Goods,—they took so often, and so much from him, that some Relation or Neighbour, or both, desired him to shut his Windows, or give off his Trade, otherwise, he was as they accounted, like to be undone: He mildly and pleasantly answer'd, That if they did not take Goods, more or oftner then they began, he was like to get it

it faster than they took it away. This Informer was so wickedly set to do Mischief, and hungry for his Prey, that he would swear almost any thing, though never so false: and he once gave a fair Opportunity to be prosecuted for it, which our Friend was advised to do, by many who hated such Wickedness, but he was not free to it. I once told him my self, he might do Service to the Publick in it: I cannot remember his Answer, but am satisfied he committed his Case to GOD; and 'tis very observable what happened to this notorious Informer: After Monmouth was routed, he was very diligent to take up his Men that lay about to hide themselves: And this Informer being at an Ale-House in Hawkchurch, about four Miles from Lyme, was told, there were some of the Rebels in a Field near; he got hastily away, requiring some to assist him: As he came into the Field, one or more came to him and knock'd him down; took his own Pistol,

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and shot him in the Belly ; he was carried back to the House, and as it was reported, lay a few Hours Cursing and Swearing, and so died : I never heard who it was that kill'd him ; but his Name was, William Bond. And now to return to my dear Friend, Daniel Taylor : Our dwelling was Twelve Miles apart ; but we had Opportunities of seeing each other often at Meetings, to our mutual Comfort. And now I come to the Time, wherein our nearer Union and Fellowship increased. About Ten Years after our first religious Acquaintance, the Lord was pleas'd to lay a Necessity upon me to Travel, to bear a publick Testimony for his Name and Truth ; and this my dear Friend, was very free to keep me Company of, even to the Extent of many hundred Miles : he was a very dear serviceable Companion ; for although he had not a Publick Testimony, he travel'd or labour'd in Spirit for those that had
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with a Desire to the Lord, that he would support in that weighty Service, which is a Mystery to the Wisdom of the World : He was very Exemplary in our Travels, of a modest, free, pleasant Temper, mixt with Gravity and Solidity ; and so a Preacher of Righteousness, in Life and Conversation. For several Years last past, both of us have been attended with Infirmities and Weakness, whereby we have been disabled from Travelling as formerly ; however, our near and dear Love continued : he of us that was best able, have often given the other a Visit ; and we have held very frequent Correspondence by Writing. I had a very tender sensible Letter from him, but a few Days before he departed this Life, wherein he signified the Enjoyment of the Lord's Love and Presence, to his great Consolation. Such was our near and constant Love to each other, that I think it may be

compared to that which was between Jonathan and David.

I could mourn in Secret for so great a Loss ; but when I consider 'tis the Lord's doing, and I do believe 'tis his great Gain, I then desire to submit ; yet I cannot chuse but sympathize with Friends of that County in their great Loss : but as I said before, it is the Lord's doing, and who shall say unto him, what dost thou ? 'Tis easy with the Lord to raise up others to supply their Places, and not only so, but to add to their Number if he sees meet. Let them who are qualified, supplicate the Lord for it. More I could say on this Occasion, but I propose this as an Introduction to a farther Enlargement, by any whom the Lord may make free to it—and remain a sincere Traveller for the Welfare of Sion, and Prosperity of Jerusalem.

Elias Osborne.

Chard, the 24th of the
11th Month, 1714.

John

John and Elias Nicbolls, their
TESTIMONY, concerning
 their **Worthy Father-in-**
Law, Daniel Taylor.

AS to our Ancient deceased Fa-
 ther in Law, *Daniel Taylor*,
 we have this Account briefly to give
 concerning him, *viz.* That he was
 a Man of a *sober Life* and *godly Con-*
versation, in which he was Exem-
 plary to all. He received the **TRUTH**
 in his young Years, being convin-
 ced thereof (as near as we can ga-
 ther) about the Age of Nineteen
 or Twenty ; and grew up in the
 same, a serviceable Member in the
CHURCH of CHRIST, in which
 he continued until Old-Age ; and in
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the Time of *Persecution*, was a chearful Sufferer for the *Testimony of Truth*, both by *Imprisonment* and *Spoil of Goods*, the which he took joyfully ; whereby he became a Strength to his Brethren that were Fellow-Sufferers with him : and as the LORD was pleased to bless him with something of outward Substance, he extended a large Part thereof for Charitable Uses, as by his several *Gifts* and *Bequests* appear ; being a great Friend to the Poor of all sorts, amongst whom he will be greatly missed, as well as in the CHURCH.

His Visitation of Sickness was but short, he keeping his Bed but a few Days before his Departure, in which Time he seemed to be sweet in his Spirit, and to have near Access to the LORD, as by several Expressions, which at fundry times dropt from his Mouth, appear'd, saying, O thou great JEHOVAH ! in
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*whom is everlasting Strength, my Soul
 praises thee, and all that is within me
 blesses thy Holy Name: And again,
 My Soul praises thee, and my Spirit
 magnifies thy Holy Name; with more
 to the same Effect. His Love in
 the Lord JESUS CHRIST, was to
 all Friends, with whom he said he
 was in Love and Amity. He was
 apprehensive that his Departure
 drew near, and therefore took his
 solemn Leave and Farewel, of both
 Relations and Friends that came to
 see him, and like to survive him in
 this World. He bore his Sickness
 with much Patience, saying, before
 he took his Bed, *That what he had
 now to do, was to be Patient and
 Content in the Will of GOD,* which
 he prayed for, and his Desire therein
 was answer'd. He died the seventh
 Day of the Ninth Month, 1714,
 in the Seventy third Year of his
 Age; and was buried the Twelfth
 Day,*

Day, in Friends Burying-Ground,
at *Bridport*; his Body being accom-
panied to the Grave by many *Friends*
and *Neighbours*: After which, we
had a large Meeting at our Meet-
ing-House, where Testimonies to
the TRUTH, (as also at the Grave)
were born on that solemn Occasion.

John Nicholls.

Elias Nicholls.

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Benjamin Chapple's T E S T I -
M O N Y, concerning *Daniel*
Taylor.

*For before his Translation, he had this Testimony,
That he pleased God, Heb. 11. 5.*

AS Death, or Translation, hath
been, and will be the Lot
and Portion of all Mankind, so
*'Blessed and Holy is he that hath Part
in the first Resurrection: on such, the
second Death hath no Power, Rev. 20. 6.*
which I am well satisfied was the
State of our deceased Friend, *Daniel*
Taylor, who gave evident Demon-
strations of it; not only on his Death-
Bed, but at many other times; and be-
ing formerly under an Indisposition
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of Body, he wrote to me, that although his outward Man did decay, his *inward Man was renewed Day by Day*, 2 Cor. 4. 16.

I was acquainted with him about Forty Years, but more intimately Twenty Six Years last past: and I residing in *London* some Part of that Time, he committed to my Care and Management an Affair of great Importance, which for several Years was attended with various Delays and Disappointments; and if it should have miscarried, would have much diminished his temporal Substance; yet he bore it with wonderful Patience and Moderation. Afterwards, I settled in the Country about Twelve Miles distant from him, where he made me many Visits; and exhorted me to embrace the Pure and Holy Religion, profess'd by the People called *Quakers*; (of which

in some Measure I had been many Years convinced) and as a Two-fold Cord, he lent me *George Fox's Journal*, which I read over ; and after, casting his Bread upon the Waters for many Years, it pleased God one Night, to cause Distress and Anxiety of Soul, in an extraordinary Manner, to seize upon me ; my Wife asking me the Cause, I faithfully told her ; who replied to this Purpose, *That I ought not to fear, who I did disoblige, rather than wrong my Conscience* : And from that Night, I resolved with the Lord's Assistance, to comply with my long Convictions, which I signified to him, the next Morning, by Post : he soon made return to my Letter, and not long after, a personal Visit.

O the heavenly Charms of unexpressible Love, he did allure and confirm me withal ! and was on all Occasions a tender nursing Father,

ther, and a faithful Friend: His Memory is Blessed, and *shines as the Brightness of the Firmament*; and *they that turn many to Righteousness, as the Stars for ever and ever*, Dan.

12. 3. I did several Years before his Decease, labour under great Afflictions and Infirmities of Body, which the more influenced and increased his Love to me, as he made known by many comfortable and sympathizing EPISTLES, which were not only beneficial to me, but to other Friends to whom they were communicated.

He was a great Encourager of new-convinced Friends, where he found the least Spark of Sincerity; but did often bewail and grieve for unfaithful disorderly Professors. He had great Knowledge and Delight in the Holy Scriptures; and gave many BIBLES to poor Friends and others. Words are too short
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and Time might fail me to declare his *Noble Acts*, and *Holy Conversation*, whereof Reader, thou hast a little more, in the Lives hereunto annex'd, which might not have been made Publick, but at the Request or Desire of an aged and honourable Friend. And when all is said that can be express'd, I desire we may give all the Praise, Honour, and Glory unto God, who made him so. And for the Encouragement of young People, please to observe, that as the Lord loveth the first ripe Fruit, so in the Flower and Blossom of his Youth, he made him Solid and Grave, and of modest Behaviour ; for although he was sometime in a Ship of War, where is not always the best Company, nor the best Education ; yet he so much differed from many others, that as I remember, he told me, his Companions did say, *He'll be a Quaker*,

ker, *before he ever saw any that were so called.* And the first meeting of Friends he was ever at, was a silent One (except an EPISTLE read by a Friend) neither did he apply to any Friend, to be introduced to it.

Thus the Lord, by his immediate Power, made him willing to obey the TRUTH, and gave him *Wisdom, Riches and Honour*; so that he liv'd and died in the *Love and Favour* of GOD and Man, whose Example may we all follow, as he was a Follower of CHRIST, is the hearty Desire of thy sincere Friend,

Benjamin Chapple.

TIDINGS most sad, my pensive
Heart doth reach,
*Victorious Death on Zion made a
Breach:*

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*A Pillar is remov'd, a Vine trans-
planted,*

*Both Friends and Foes, will grant this
Man is wanted.*

*He Valiant was ; in Zeal and Love
firm stood*

*When Dangers were, to Seal his Faith
with Blood.*

*From curs'd Informers, and infernal
Laws,*

*His Back ne'er turn'd, nor on the Ty-
gers Jaws.*

*Long was he made the Persecutors But ;
His Goods oft seiz'd, he oft in Prisons
shut*

*For Christ his Sake, and for his Church
most true,*

*Declare in brief what he hath done
for you.*

*The Poor, the Weak, Distress'd, Dis-
consolate,*

*He sympathiz'd in all their various
State.*

*All things to all, that some might win-
ned be,*

*But loath'd Deceit, and all Hypocrisy.
He frankly gave a House for Friends
to Meet,*

*And Ground to Bury in, not far from
it.*

*Tea, others may speak out, and claim
a Share ;*

*His noble Acts they Universal were.
Some he did Cloath, some from his
Table fed ;*

*An Alms-House did bestow on the
Grey-Head.*

*He often made the Widows Heart
rejoyce ;*

*To Rich and Poor he Counfel gave
most choice.*

*And in his Love, poor Youth a Share
doth claim,*

*Where Twelve at least, to Learning
might attain.*

*By a free Gift to Bridport Town for
ever,*

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His Vertues and his Gifts, Men cannot sever.

He early was convinc'd in's tender Youth,

Unto Old-Age and Death, obey'd the Truth.

Truth made him Wise, Courageous, Bold, yet Meek;

To Prince and Peasant, he knew how to speak.

Solid and Grave; in Conversation free,

Few Worthies of this Age, compare with thee.

For him I've Wept, for him, yet Tears remain,

Great is our Loss, but greater is his Gain.

And as we Mourn, let Patience Grief excell;

Good is the Lord, and all he doth is well.

Elijah's

Elijah's Place, Elisha did supply,
 'Tis want of Faith, that makes Religion Dry.
 Rouse up-concealed Souls, there still
 may be,
 Yet many Thousands, that have not
 the Knee,
 Bow'd unto B A A L, nor Man's
 Formality.

Let's faithfully Obey what G O D
 doth teach,
 Then Zion's King, repair will Zion's
 Breach : *
 In Glory she will shine ; and when
 we Die,
 With him shall Live and Reign Eternally.

B. C.

* Zech. i. 17.

Richard

Richard How's TESTIMONY
concerning *Daniel Taylor*.

I Have been comforted in reading these *Testimonies* now before me, concerning our worthy Friend, *Daniel Taylor*, who was a Preacher of Righteousness to me, before I was at any Meeting of *Friends*, when he was an innocent Sufferer for J E-
s u s' sake, in Prison in this Place, amongst Thieves, in a very noisom Hole, which I took great notice of, my Eye being fixed to behold his (with other *Friends*) innocent Sufferings, being accompanied with a godly Conversation, which drew my Love much to him and them ; infomuch, that a near Relation of mine, asked, *Whether I would be a Quaker?* my Answer was, *I was unworthy*

unworthy to be called by their Name,
or Words to that Purpose.

A Day of Distress took hold of me, and the same Concern that fell upon the Jaylor, *Acts* 16. 30. who observing the Lord's Prisoners, said, *What shall I do to be saved?* This was before I attained the 15th or 16th Year of my Life; and in the 17th, I gave up in Obedience to my Convictions, so far as to come to *Friends Meetings*, and make Profession of the TRUTH.

I have made Degression from what I intended to write when I began, which was, to express my Comfort, to see my elder Brethren had done so well in Memory of our dear deceased *Friend*; I thought my self not clear, without casting in my Mite; but sure, he is worthy to be remembered by me, if I said or writ nothing of him. As he was a good Instrument to my
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Convincement, so he continued to be a careful nursing Father: in Order for my Perseverance and Conversion. He loved me from first to last; he express'd it three Days before his Departure: I being present with him, the Love of God was shed abroad in our Hearts, which caused us to love one another.

Richard How.

*Dorchester, the 9th of
the 12th Month,
1714.*

Another TESTIMONY concerning that Worthy Friend, *Daniel Taylor*, deceased: With an Account of some of his *Dying Sayings*.

IN a living Remembrance of my dear Uncle, *Daniel Taylor*, (*who being Dead yet speaketh, and is at rest with the SAINTS in Light*)
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it is in my Heart at this time, to commemorate the Goodness of divine Providence upon his Account, by way of Testimony concerning him, to whom I had not only the Priviledge to stand related by the Band of Consanguinity, but more nearer, in that spiritual Relation that can never be broken: He was to me in that Sence, a Father, a Guardian, and a sure Friend, on whom I could lean safely; to whom I could apply my self freely on all Occasions: our Fellowship stood in that LOVE, which Death cannot touch, nor the Grave hold: Our Converse was without Streightness; our mutual Communion was in that free Spirit that upheld and sustain'd him to his last Moments.

He was of an universal Temper, not singular, over reserved, nor any way lavish, but easie to be entreated:

ed : His Freedom was constant with the TRUTH, and the TRUTH preserved him. And this Favour from the LORD I am thankful for, that there was not, that I know of, the least Umbrage or Shadow of Difference betwixt us on any Account whatsoever. His shining Qualifications were transparent ; they gave Light to others, that they seeing his good Works, might glorifie the LORD his Preserver.

They were *First*, Faith and Patience, which in him, were strong and lively display'd : *Secondly*, Virtue and Knowledge, which he was endued with a good Measure of : *Thirdly*, Humility and Temperance, which adorn'd him in Life and Power : *Fourthly*, Godliness, where-with he was cloath'd as with a Garment : *Fifthly*, Chastity and Contentment, which were conspicuous, and staid his Mind : and *Lastly*,
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his Brotherly-Kindness and Charity, were not the least. O that we may take him for Example! follow him as he followed CHRIST: that living ROCK, that was with the Worthies of the LORD in all Ages of the World, was with him in his whole Course, was with our faithful Elders, was with the Apostles, Prophets, Patriarchs and Ancients, sustained them in great Tryals, Streights and Difficulties, which our dear Friend in some degree pass'd through in his spiritual Progress; *and having fought a good Fight, finished his Course, and kept the Faith,* (like a full ripe Shock, in a good Old-Age) the LORD whom he served, has called him to GLORY, to take that Crown of Righteousness, which he, the righteous Judge, is pleased to give *to all them that love his Appearance.*

This same Crown, is laid up for those, that (as he of whom I write)

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by patient continuance in Well-doing, seek for Glory, and Honour, and Immortality, (as he did, and shall receive) *Eternal Life.* Rom. 2. 7.

*Some of his Dying-Sayings, as
Collected by the same Hand.*

Sometime after his Illness began, he said one Evening, as Friends were about him, *What a Mercy it is that I am not snatched or taken from you all at once, but that I can enjoy the Company of my Friends. I have been Abroad lately, and clear'd my Conscience to several Persons: O how easie am I; Blessed be the Name of the Lord!* often speaking of the Goodness of the Lord to him.

To One asking him how he did, when full of Pain, he said, *It matter'd not the Pain of the Body, his inward Man*

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was strong, saying, O the Goodness of a tender Father, the Kindness of a good God, how wonderful is it ! To me he said, Cousin, farewell in the Lord : often Praising and Magnifying his great Name for his Mercy, in affording him the Comforts of his Holy Spirit, saying, my Love is to Friends all the County over, and I am in Charity with faithful Friends in the whole Universe (or to that effect) To Cousin R. Nicholls he said, I desire you may be preserved in Love and Unity, and out of all that is Hurtful. To T. Curtis he said, I wish you all well ; I hope I need say little more to you. And to another Friend, he said, The Lord hath been very good to me. The last I heard him say, as I remember, was, Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

T. Bagg.

A Testimony from the Quarterly-Meeting in the County of Dorset, concerning our dear and well-beloved Friend, DANIEL TAYLOR, of Bridport, deceas'd.

ALthough he was not a publick Preacher in W O R D and D O C T R I N E, yet being so eminent an Help-Meet in the Government of the Church, and so excellently qualified with the heavenly Gift, and endued with the Holy Ghost, and having left many standing Monuments of his Vertue and Piety, we could not be altogether silent; but in Honour to his Preserver, and in Justice to him, do give forth this short T E S T I M O N Y to his Memory, hoping thereby to provoke the Reader, to a sincere Endeavour

to follow his Example and Footsteps in that holy Way, which, with great Care and Diligence, he walked to the End of his Race, and finished his Course, *dying in the Lord, Revel. 14. 13. Is rested from his Labour, and his Works do follow him: He being Dead, yet speaketh; and his Memory (being he was a just Man) will live for ever.* His exemplary Conversation, his prudent Management, his great Government in his own Mind, his forcible Arguments, together with the Gentleness of his Spirit, and Easiness, as well as Readiness, to be prevail'd upon by the right Thing, but at the same time, had a great discerning of Hypocrisie and Deceit, notwithstanding the fair Coverts that many times it goes under: and was a plain Dealer in all Respects, with his Friends; ready to help the Weak, and inform the Mistaken

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ken and Misguided; and shewing them the Inconsistency that they run themselves into, for want of minding the Voice of Wisdom, that leads in the way of Righteousness, causing them that love her, *to inherit Substance*, Prov. 8. 21. And this Freedom that he took with his Friends sometimes, got him Reprehension: But how sweetly, and with what Gravity he could look over it, not to be offended, but rather pity such as would oppose themselves; labouring still the more to perswade them in a Spirit of Meekness, to bow and humble themselves before the Lord was offended with them. O how ready he was to forgive and pass by! always duly observing the Apostle's Advice, *not to be overcome of Evil*, but he did many times, *overcome Evil with Good*. He was not without his great Tryals and Exercises
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many ways, but went through them all to Admiration. A frequent and diligent Visiter of his Friends, both in a publick and private Capacity. In a publick Capacity, as being chosen by both Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. For which Work, he was well qualified, and had great Service and noble Opportunities to do Good amongst the Brethren, by advising them in their private Families, to amend things amiss. His Concern in this Service was very great, and attended with great Humility, that *Zion* might become the Beauty of Nations, and *Jerusalem*, the Praise of the whole Earth. He did also frequently visit his Friends in his own Freedom, both in the Town where he liv'd, as also in other adjacent Parts; frequently advising the Brethren every where, to walk as becomes that Profession we make of GOD and CHRIST; having

having a fervent Zeal, mixt with a divine Knowledge, that the Testimony of our holy Profession, in all its Branches, might be kept and maintain'd with sincerity and singleness of Heart; gravely admonishing the Unfaithful, to consider the Ill Consequences that would attend the Neglect of these things.

He never, in his own Person or Estate, evaded his Testimony, notwithstanding Suffering might follow. So that he was a true Preacher of Righteousness, not only in Word and Tongue, but in Deed and in Truth: He was a good Example of Plainness, Advising, Admonishing, and Warning Parents and Children, to beware of falling into either Pride or Covetousness, being very sensible of an undue Liberty many are gotten into, which greatly tends to their Hurt, and hinders them from an Improvement and Growth in spiritual Things. And

And as a Demonstration of his Zeal herein, he proposed to our *Quarterly-Meeting*, some few Months before he died, that a Transcript of a short EPISTLE of that Ancient and Eminent Servant of Christ, *G. Fox*, in his Epistles, N°. 250. Pag. 149, pertinent on that Subject, might be sent to each Monthly and particular Meeting, to warn Friends in this County, on the one Hand, to beware of the Fashions and Converse of this World, which insensibly leavens the Heart into its Spirit; and on the other, to keep their Minds from too eagerly pursuing after the Increase of Wealth, but that by our *Moderation* and *Heavenly-Mindedness*, we might demonstrate to others, that we are true Believers in Jesus Christ, and but as Pilgrims and Strangers in this World; being assured we *have no continuing City here*, nor certain abiding Place, but

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are seeking One which has Foundations, *whose Builder and Maker is God, Eternal in the Heavens.*

Thus this good Man spent his Time to the last, in doing Good where-ever he came. Of his Charitable Acts to the Poor of all Ages, Sexes and Societies, as well as his Civility to his Neighbours, his Hospitality to Strangers, and hearty Affection to his Friends, the other Testimonies concerning him do briefly relate, only we touch a little on his religious Qualifications, spiritual Endowments and Zeal, for the encouraging all People, not only by his solid Counsel, but also by his grave and good Example; being a very diligent Attender of our religious Assemblies for that Service. And when he was in Business (as in the youthful Part of his Days he had considerable) he made his temporal Affairs, give way to the other; of-

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ten manifesting his Dislike to, and Dissatisfaction with such as he observed giving way to the temporal Things, to be their hindrance, which should have been their Help and Encouragement, to a diligent attending of such Meetings, as might be of Advantage to them in gaining spiritual Riches, that will stand them in stead, when this World will have an End.

And thus, Friendly Reader, having hinted a little here and there, of the many excellent Endowments, that gave this worthy Man a just Title to be accounted an Elder in *Israel*, and a Pillar in the Church of CHRIST; hoping that this brief Testimony, may be instrumental to excite thy Mind to a Diligence in working out thy Salvation *with Fear and Trembling*, that thy Faith may not be vain, nor thy Religion to no purpose; but with this Pious and

good Man, thou mayst witness the End of thy Faith, and blessed Effects of thy Religion, (*viz.*) the Salvation of thy Soul, and an Assurance of Eternal Life.

So Wistheth, and so Prayeth, thy Friends and Brethren.

Signed on Behalf, and by the Appointment of the Quarterly-Meeting, by us,

Elias Osborne,

Daniel Pufs,

Jacob Havilland,

Samuel Pugsley,

Thomas Dowse,

William Vallis,

Samuel Vallis,

Joseph Jones,

William Raws,

William Herbert.

D. T's Letter to Friends of the Quarterly Meeting, in Pool.

My dear and well-beloved Friends.

I tenderly salute you in our Lord Jesus Christ, wishing that Grace, Mercy and Peace, may abound amongst you: and altho' Providence hinders my personal Company with you at this time, yet I am with you

in Spirit, joying, and beholding your Order, and the Steadfastness of your Faith in Christ.

And that which in the Love of God is fresh in my Heart, to lay before you at this Time, is, to signifie my earnest Desire, that all Friends (especially such as have made a long Profession of the blessed Truth) may be stir'd up to hold forth a faithful Testimony against paying Tythes, according to the repeated Advice of our Yearly-Meeting, either to Priests or Impropiators, altho' Friends may suffer in this Respect for their Testimony bearing: and that none entertain, or let in a doubtful or cowardly Spirit, to question the Lord's Arm or Power to support them, but remember, that many Friends formerly suffer'd greatly, both in Person and Estate, for not hearing the Priests. But whoever trusted in the Lord and was confounded? And some can say with ho-

ly David, I have been Young, and now am Old, yet have I not seen the Righteous forsaken, nor his Seed begging Bread.

Now if any faithful Friend or Friends, whose Business is in *Husbandry* (and see no other way for a Livelihood) may have but little Substance of their own, and therefore may be under Discouragements, to suffer the Loss of what is other Mens. I tenderly advise, that any such may lay their Case before the Monthly or Quarterly-Meeting, and take the Advice of the same, and proceed accordingly. So not being willing to entertain you with more Words on this Subject, I recommend you to an *Epistle* of our dear and ancient Friend, G. F. here enclosed, which I desire may be copied by the Care of each *Monthly Meeting*, and sent to such where it may be of Service. So I remain your Friend and Brother in Sincerity,

Bridport, 26th of the
4th Month, 1704.

D. Taylor.

This is my TESTIMONY on behalf of my dear Wife, whom the LORD hath been pleased to remove out of this troublesome World, for the Hands of her Children, Grand-Children, and other near Relations.

SHE was a Woman that feared the Lord, and hated every evil Way. I never knew her murmur or repine at Sufferings on Truth's Account, although it was our Lot to meet with no small Share in Times of *Persecution*, both by *Imprisonments* and *loss of Goods*, which she bore with invincible Patience; never contriving any indirect Ways, to evade or thun the same, but freely gave up, as one who depended on the Lord's Power, which supported her in Patience, and thereby overcame

came the great Enmity and Cruelty of those whom the Lord suffer'd to try the Faith and Patience of his People. She always freely and willingly parted with me, when at any time I accompanied the Friends of Truth to Meetings, either Yearly, Quarterly, Monthly, or otherwise, although sometimes on that Occasion, I have been absent some Weeks at a Time, when our Business in Trade was pretty much ; but she would with much Cheerfulness and Willingness, perform her Part to the utmost of her Ability, both at such and all other Times, although of a weak Constitution of Body : And when it pleased GOD, to visit her with her last great Weakness, which lasted almost a Year and Quarter ; great Part of which time, her *Understanding* and *Memory* in Part fail'd her, yet she was preserv'd in much Patience, without shewing Discon-

tent under Affliction. I have been often affected to see her quiet and patient Temper; for though her Weakness was such, that she was confin'd to her Chair several Hours of the Day, for many Months, she murmured not, but desir'd often the Lord, would please to put an End to this frail Life of hers, which he in his own time hath now answer'd.

She was wholly confin'd to her Bed but few Days; at which time, she was as sweetly contented as ever. I never saw any One under such Weakness. And as she was Exemplary for Plainness of Apparel, &c. so she was zealous against Pride, and all Superfluity in Meats, Drinks, Apparel, or Furniture in Houses. She was compassionate to the Poor, and sympathized with such as were in Distress; kind in a large Degree to her Servants: in fine, she did justly, lov'd Mercy, and walk'd humbly

bly with the Lord. So blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord, they rest from their Labours, and their Works do follow them.

Daniel Taylor.

The 19th of the 4th
Month, 1775.

Psal. 39. 11. When thou with Rebukes dost correct Man for Iniquity, thou makest his Beauty to consume away like a Moth, surely every Man is Vanity. Selah.

Pf. 94. 12. Blessed is the Man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy Law.

Jer. 10. 24. O Lord, correct me, but with Judgment; not in thine Anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

Job 5. 17. Behold, happy is the Man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

Prov. 3. 12. For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, even as a Father the Son, in whom he delighteth.

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Rev. 3. 19. *As many as I love, I re-
buke and chasten: be zealous therefore
and Repent.*

Pf. 118. 18. *The Lord hath chastened
me sore, but he hath not given me over
unto Death.*

2 Cor. 6. 9. *As unknown, and yet well
known; as dying, and behold we live; as
chastened, and not killed: ver. 10. As sor-
rowful, yet always rejoycing; as poor, yet
making many rich; as having nothing,
and yet possessing all things.*

Heb. 12. 5. *And ye have forgotten
the Exhortation, which speaketh unto you,
as unto Children; My Son, despise not
thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint
when thou art rebuked of him.*

Ver. 6. *For whom the Lord loveth, he
chasteneth, and scourgeth every Son
whom he receiveth.*

Ver. 7. *If ye endure chastening, God
dealeth with you as with Sons: for what
Son is he whom the Father chasteneth not?*

Ver. 8. *But if ye be without Chastise-
ment,*

ment, whereof all are Partakers, then are ye Bastards and not Sons.

Ver. 11. Now no Chastening for the Present, seemeth to be joyous but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of Righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Ver. 12. Wherefore lift up the Hands which hang down, and the feeble Knees.

Deut. 8. 5. Thou shalt also consider in thine Heart, that as a Man chasteneth his Son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee.

D. T.

To my dear Friends of the Quarterly-Meeting at Dorchester, as a Token of my sincere Love and Affection.

THAT Friends take great Care, that those who come to the Quarterly-Meeting, be Persons of a sober Conversation, and of good Report

port: And if any, after a long Convincement, run into Disorders, to the Dishonour of our holy Profession, and after that, own their Condemnation, and manifest a Shew of Repentance, that such, nevertheless, be content for a while, to be as *Door-Keepers* in the House of God, and not intrude themselves hastily, into the Affairs of the Church.

That none take Liberty in such Meetings, to entertain each other, with a private Discourse, which is beneath the Gravity of those Meetings.

That none bring a Complaint against any Professors of Truth, before they have rejected private Admonition, unless the Offence be Publick.

That Elders be good Examples in all Things, on whom there ought to be a double Care and Diligence; and that such do not suffer their outward Concerns to be a Clog and Hinderance in their Service to Truth.

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And whereas Friends from our Yearly-Meetings, under deep Travel and great Experience in the Work of the Lord, have recommended many godly Exhortations, and much loving Counsel and Advice; I tenderly desire, that none content themselves with a bare hearing the same, but that all use their innocent Endeavours, in a Spirit of Love and Condescension, to promote the Practice thereof, both in their own particular Families, and in the Churches of Christ; both for the suppressing Immorality, and all that is contrary to the blessed Truth: as also, for promoting Justice, Mercy and Charity, that so the great God, whose Work is begun in and amongst a despised Remnant, might take Place, that the People of the Lord may be edified, and his great Name renowned to the very Ends of the Earth:

So wisheth, so prayeth, your Ancient Friend

Daniel Taylor.

The 28th of the 10th
Month, 1708.

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THAT all use a Christian Freedom, in the Universal Love of God, to speak to any Matter wherein the Meeting is concerned, and when that is done, to be as expeditious in concluding Matters as the Case will bear, and to avoid all Heats therein.

Bridport 3d 11th Mo. 1708.

Dear Friends, R. H. and B. C.

I dearly Salute you in that which is beyond Words, or verbal Expressions, even in that blessed Truth wherewith the Lord in his Love and tender Compassion reached unto our Souls, when we were wandring and going astray on the Barren Mountains and Desolate Hills, seeking Rest, but could not find it: Oh, in

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this distressed State the Lord look'd down upon us, and in tender Compassion visited us, and shewed us our Outgoings, Errings and Strayings: And, Oh! How like a Tender Father did he deal with us, Correcting us in Judgment by his fatherly Chastisements mixt with Mercy, and with his Rod and his Staff he hath often comforted us notwithstanding our many Weaknesses and Backslidings, which, for his dear Son's sake, he hath past by? And his good Spirit doth yet attend us, in order to help us through and over all the Difficulties and deep Exercises that are, or may be, in our Way to the prepared Rest. And I tenderly desire it may be our great Care, and Prayers to Almighty God, that for the little Time the Lord may yet afford us here, we may double our Diligence, and that we may be preserved in true Watchfulness and

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Humility, that the Lord may be honoured by us, his precious Truth exalted, and our Souls comforted and refreshed, and Self abased for ever.

And on this Account, in the *Love of God* I exhort you, when you have cleared your Consciences to any whom you think may be short of their *Duty*, and so lie behind, or run too fast; then retire in your *Minds*, and sink down in *Patience* without too much Striving, and commit your Cause to the Lord, and in the Secret of your Hearts desire, that *He, in his own Time, will be pleased to determining the Controversie*; and remember the excellent Gift of *Charity*, and the Properties thereof, which suffereth long, &c. O let us endeavour to overcome Evil with Good, and as the Lord hath extended Pity and Compassion to us, so let us do to each other.

Dear Friends, I am not unfencible of your particular Exercise, and do,

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in my Measure, sympathize with you therein ; and I truly desire your Preservation, and that the Lord will please to endue you with *Wisdom, Patience* and *Long-Suffering*, that you may not be weary, nor faint in your Minds, nor look out at the Difficulties and Hardships: I doubt not, but as you are preserved in *Patience* (and let that have its perfect Work) but that it will all work for Good, and drive you the nearer to the Lord, and all the *Faithful* and *Sincere* will be drawn nearer to each other. And *Friends*, I have much more in my Heart to you than I can express; the Season is Cold and my Body Tender, my Stomach will bear little Food to support Nature ; I have not been out of Doors more than a Week, but through Mercy am pretty well at present, and am in hopes of seeing one or both of you at our next *Monthly-Meeting*, which I shall

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be glad of, and in the Interim remain, with dear Love to you, and your dear Wives, your Antient, Sincere, and Well-wishing Friend,

Daniel Taylor.

B. C. I received thy kind Letter of the 29th past, which was very welcome.

Bridport 13th 9th Mo. 1713.

Dearly beloved Friends, R. H. and B. C.

MY dear Love tenderly Salutes you, in that blessed Truth which our *Gracious God* hath in some Measure made us Sharers and Partakers of: I truly wish, that *Grace, Mercy and Peace* may be our *Portion*, and the Lot of our *Inheritance*, from our *Merciful Father*, who hath favoured us with the Knowledge of that Glorious Day of *Light and Grace* which many Righteous Men in A-
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ges past desired to see, but did not: Oh! that we might walk answerable to this great *Love*, in all *Humility* and *Self-denial*, for truly the Day calls for it; for with Grief I may say it, that many whom the Lord hath done largely for, have too much slighted, or neglected, the Day of their *tender Visitation*, and cast the *Love of God* behind their Backs: O that such may *Repent*, and *Turn to the Lord* whilst the Door of his *Mercy* stands open! And that such as in Measure are preserved, may, through *Watchfulness* and *Diligence*, persevere in *Well-doing* to the very End of our *Pilgrimage* in this Vale of Tears.

Dear Friends, You are often in my Remembrance in much Love, and I sympathize with your Bodily Infirmities, and Inward Exercises and Afflictions, which I know are not a few: I wish we may, with the Holy Apostle, be made able to say, *Our light Affliction,*

Affliction, which is but for a Moment, worketh for us a far more Exceeding weight of Glory, &c. and that we may witness Patience to have its perfect Work, that we may be Perfect and Entire, wanting nothing; that the Grand Adversary of Man's Happiness, that goes about seeking whom he may Devour, and lies in wait to Deceive, may have no Part nor Place in us; but that the Fear of the Lord, which Preserves from the Snares of Death, may more and more abound in and amongst us, to our Eternal Comfort and Consolation, that in the winding up of all we may lay down our Heads in Peace; and that we may not be unmindful of those blessed Seasons of Outward Peace which we are long sharers of; and if the Lord, for Reasons best known to himself, should see Cause to deprive us of the same, we may be fitted and prepared therefore.

Daniel Taylor.

COUNSEL left to his Neighbouring Friends.

I N the *Fear of God*, who hath preserved me to this Day, and whose good Presence I feel with me at the Writing hereof, I Counsel and Exhort my *Executors* and *Friends* of this Place, that they use those outward *Mercies* the Lord hath made them sharers of, for good and virtuous *Uses*; and not suffer their Business relating to the Affairs of this World, to clog and hinder them in the Affairs of *Truth*; but let their business in the Concerns of this World give way to the *Service of the Lord*, his *People* and *Heritage*, by their constant frequenting *Meetings* at home, and that they accompany our *Publick Friends* abroad; and according to their Talent or Talents given them, they

they may diligently attend the Service of the *Quarterly* and *Monthly Meetings* for the *Service of Truth*, that thereby the *Lord* may be honoured, his *Truth* exalted, and *Heritage* comforted: That so, having Faithfully served the *Lord* in their *Generation*, they may *Lay down their Heads in Peace*, when *Time in this World* shall be no more. So desiring all my *Friends*, more especially those of this *Place*, may dwell in *Love*, having fervent *Charity* among themselves, and, as far as they are convinced, keep up the several *Branches of Truth's Testimony* in lowliness of *Mind* and true *Self-denial*.

So I bid you heartily Farewel, and with sincere Love in the *Lord Jesus Christ*, remain your *Ancient Friend*,

Daniel Taylor.

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ELIZABETH NICHOLLS'
 Testimony, Concerning her dear
 Husband, Elias Nicholls, Deceased.

I have this to say, concerning my
 Dear deceased Husband, *Elias
 Nicholls*; he was a Man that truly
 fear'd God, and fought after *Righte-
 ousness*, he had an Aversion to every
 Appearance of Evil, where-ever he
 saw it, more particularly amongst
 those that professed the *Truth*, and
 his own Family, whom he took
 great Care of, and was a *Preacher of
 Righteousness* unto them, in Life and
 Conversation: I think I may say in
 Truth, he fought *Peace with all Men,*
and Holiness with the Lord his God;
 he was a Tender, Loving, and Af-
 fectionate Husband, a Comfort and
 Support unto me in Tryals and Af-
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 Father to his Children; a Dutiful
 Son to his Parents; a good Relation;
 a very good Master; a Faithful
 Friend; a kind Neighbour; and
 very Charitable unto the Poor, to
 whom he administred freely, ac-
 cording to his Ability; and if he
 saw any in Distress, his Heart and
 Hand were always ready to assist
 them, especially the Widow and the
 Fatherless in their Affliction; some
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 Care, which trust in him reposed,
 he performed Faithfully and Chear-
 fully, not consulting what Trouble
 Loss or Cost he might come to
 thereby, as many can Testifie. And
 I doubt not but he hath his Reward
 among the Faithful, although it be
 to the unspeakable Loss and Sorrow
 of us that are left here behind. I
 have been his Wife near Seventeen
 Years, we came together in a great
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Love, and continued in the same to the Last, blessed be the Lord for it. He left three Children, which were near and dear to him, which he committed unto the Lord's Protection, and my Care, telling me several things he would have me do concerning them; which I hope to do my Endeavour to perform, if the Lord please to spare me with them: But his greatest Concern was in leaving of me, which he knew would be in a great deal of Care, as he often said, he was concerned for; Charging all his *Children* and *Servants*, to do what they could for me.

His Last Sickness was but about two Weeks, in which Time he would often speak of his Thoughts of leaving me, and told me several Things he would have me do; which, I hope, I shall never forget. The Day before he died, his *Brother* being present, whom he had a great

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Respect for, he said, Brother, Be Loving to my poor Wife, and all that ever thou canst do for her be sure to do; with much more to that Effect. Soon after, his three Children being present, who were Near and Dear unto him, he desired to be raised in his Bed, and looking on them, he gave them this Advice and Counsel, although very weak of Body, I Charge you to Fear the Lord, and be Obedient to your dear Mother, who will take Care of you, and do what she can for you, I doubt not; hearken unto her, and do all you can for her; and be sure to Fear the Lord, and be not High-minded, but Fear, and then the Lord will Bless you; and if I have not many Words more to say, remember the Words of your poor Father, do not forget it, but fasten it as a Nail in a sure Place, which cannot be removed; and more to that Effect. A Friendly young Man being present, whom he had a Respect for,

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calling him by his Name, he said,
*Be sure to Fear the Lord, and give Glo-
 ry to him; for I leave it as my last Te-
 stimony and Faith, This is the Right
 Way. Adding, Be loving to my poor
 Wife, hearken unto her, for she wishes
 thee well, I believe; be sure do what
 thou canst for her. And I think it
 was the same Day, as he lay Medita-
 ting on the Lord, he said unto me,
 Oh, what a Mercy it is I feel no more
 Pain: O Lord! My Tongue cannot
 express thy Goodness towards me,
 which I feel at this time. Another
 time I asked him, How he did? He
 said, with a chearful Voice, *Easie,
 Wife; Patience, Wife: Submit, I am
 Easie. The Night before he died,
 he seeing me there late, would have
 me go to Rest. I said, It is Weakness
 of Body that separateth us; and said,
 Farewell my Dear. When I came to
 him again, I ask'd him, How he did?
 He said, Very Weak. And a few
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Hours before he departed he lay as tho' he had been a sleep, and so departed this Life the 6th Day of the 11th Month, 1714. and I doubt not but he is at Rest with the Lord, who will Reward every one according to their Works, Mat. 16. 27. The Lord in Mercy grant that we may be supported in this great Time of Tryal and Exercise, a Time of Trouble and Anxiety of Soul hath it been unto me: Oh! that I may so Live, that when I come to die it may be a true resigned State, as this my dear and tender Husband's was. Much more could I write, did not the Exercise of Mind prevent me, which none knows but the Lord alone; unto whom I commend my Cause.

Elizabeth Nicholls.

*Victorious Death, who in Strength exceeds a Lyon,
Has made another Breach, on thee, great Sion.
(Tho' these thy Sons hereby are made Compleat,
Thy Borders with Lament, thy Loss is great.)*

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When this great Harbinger's Commission's Seal'd,
It cannot then by Mortals be Repeal'd.

Yet Sion's Children cannot but relent,
And Mourn in secret till some Tears are spent :
To see the Worthies of the Lord them leave,
As call'd by him, to whom their Souls did Cleave.

How are the Mighty fallen, and the Weak
In mournful Accents now their Grief may speak.
Not without Hope, shall Sion's Daughters Weep,
The Lord, their Leader, will his People keep;
Though, in his Wisdom, he's pleas'd to remove
Some of his Servants whom we dearly Love;
For those he Loves he Chastens, and doth try
Their Love to him, their Zeal and Fervency.

When he doth Hand the Cup of Self-denial,
Let's fly to him; he doth it as a Tryal:
Exercise Patience under bitter Crosses,
He that deprives, can make up all our Losses.

Arise, O Sion! Let thy Light be seen,
That interposing Clouds come not between
The Lord and thee; it's He that can repair
Those Breaches that he makes; serve him with Fear.
Murmur no more, no more repeat thy Pain,
Although thy Loss is great, it is their Gain.

The Testimony of Jane Ingram, con-
cerning her dear Brother, Richard
How, lately deceased.

IT having pleased Almighty God to
take away my dear Brother out of
this troublesome World, I am concern-
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ed to say something of him. He was one that truly feared the Lord from a Child; for as I can well remember, when he was but a Child, he would often leave his Play-Fellows, and come from them and sit down very sad, that my Mother would ask him, *Whether he was not Well?* Or, *Whether his Play-Fellows had beaten him?* And he would answer, that *He could not Play with them, because they spoke such wicked Words, and took the Lord's Name in Vain.* And I remember, that upon that great hurry of the Landing of the French, when others were full of Talk and Hurry in our House, he went away into a Room by himself, to Pray; on his Knees he was found, when my Mother looked for him, which was taken great Notice of by many, he being then not six Years Old: And as he grew up he was still very Sober, and very careful not to tell a Lye, and he took great delight in Reading the Bible, and other good Books; and my Mother would ask him some times *To go out, and take a little Delight in the World;* fearing he would

would grow Melancholy, and she having no other Son, was very tender of him; and he would say, *He took more delight to Read, than to be in Company.* And when he was an Apprentice, his Master would often say, *He thought no Man could have a Faithfuller Servant.* And while he was an Apprentice he came to be convinced of the *Blessed Truth*, there being then in *Dorchester Prison* some Friends, and my Mother's Brother being the Keeper, and having a great Love for him, would often invite him to his House, where he came acquainted with Friends, and greatly loved their Company, and would take all Seasons that he had, to visit them; and they were well pleased with his Company: But his Uncle grew Angry with him for it, which he bore with great Patience; and at that Time, my Mother, being a stranger to Friends Principles, was very much troubled at it: But he shew'd himself always so Dutiful a Son to her, that she came to be well satisfied with him, and had a great Love for Friends, and would

to Meetings while she was able. The Lord made him an Instrument in his Hand, of much good unto many, and unto me in Particular, by his good Advice and heavenly Example; for when the Lord, in his great Love, first reached unto me, and I was under great Exercise and Trouble, he was like a Tender Father to me, coming often to visit me, and still gave me good Advice, and many of his loving Letters I have yet by me (and they are still of Service to me) I living then four Miles from him. The Lord made him a Good Husband to his Wife; a Tender Father to his Children, and a Loving Brother to me; I having no other Brother, or Sister, nor never had: and my Exercise is deep to part with him: But the Will of the Lord ought to be submitted unto with *Patience*, I being well satisfied he dy'd in *Peace with the Lord*. He was very kind to all his Relations and Neighbours, and they all loved him; the Lord was pleased to open his Mouth sometimes in Meetings, and what he delivered was Sound, and Satisfactory to all

all Honest Friends. In Meetings for the Service and good Order of *Truth*, he was a very serviceable Man, and a tender Regard he had of the *Poor*; and great is our Loss of him. On the 25th of the 1st Mo. 1715. the Lord was pleased to visit him with his last Illness, which continued three Days, in great Pain, which he bore with great Patience and Submission to the Will of God; often saying, *It was in Love*; and very Sensible he was to the Last, giving good Advice to all that visited him; and in his Illness would say unto me, *Sister, As we have always lived in Love, so we shall Part, which is matter of great Comfort to me.* And so after many Tryals, Troubles and Exercises that attended him in this World, the Lord was pleased to call him out of it, on the 28th of the same Month, and on the 31st he was honourably Buried in Friends Burying-Ground at *Dorchester*, a great Number of Friends and others attending his Corps, and much lamented by all that knew him, for he hath left a good Savour behind him. I desire that we, who remain behind, may,

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by the Help of the Lord, be enabled to follow his good Example; that so we may partake of the blessed Rest that I believe he is enter'd into. *Amen*, saith my Soul.

Jane Ingram.

A Collection of R. How's Dying Sayings, by way of Testimony concerning him.

I Have seen the good End of that Faithful and Good Man, *Richard How*, whose *Dying Sayings* fell chiefly to my Lot, through Providence, to Collect, and are these.

I have no Continuing City here, but am seeking one to come, whose Builder and Maker is God. It's well for me that I did Well in the Course of Life, and made my Peace with the Lord in the Time of Health, for now it is not a Time to do it in; and it will be well for all that keep Faithful to the Truth they make Profession of. When divers Friends were with him, he signified how good the Lord had been, and was to him, though his Pains were great.
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Saying, *What a Mercy it is that I have been preserved in Patience, under this Affliction of Body: How many better Men than me have there been, that have been afflicted with extream Pain of Body? Often saying, Oh! my poor Body, How Weak and full of Pain is it: But I am going to a better Place; I am waiting for my great Change.*

At another time he said, *There are many good Friends gone before me, I can't hold it long thus, but hope I shall have an easie Passage out of this troublesome World; for all the World is nothing to me: The Lord will Provide for my Wife and Children, as they live in his Fear; (or to that Effect) It may be better for me to go now, for if I should live longer I may not be so well prepared.*

To me he said, *Brother, Pray for me, that I may be preserved Sensible to the Last, that I may finish well, and honour the Lord in my Death.* Again he said, *when in great Pain, Is this the way to Rest, through such Tribulation: I believe (said he) Jacob had an easie Passage (meaning, I suppose, Jacob Thomas, who died not*

not Tong before) he was a Good Man, and loved the Lord.

He did often ask me, *Whether dear D. Taylor was in such Pain and Extremity of Body?* Saying, *I must taste of the same Cup with him.* About an Hour, or less, before he died; his Pain of Body abated, and he lay very still and resigned in his Spirit: He took his solemn Leave of his Wife, and desir'd to see his Children, to whom he said, *Fear the Lord, and be Obedient to your Mother, who will take Care of you.* Having prepared something for him to drink, he said, *I think this will be the last I shall take.* Lying very still, he desir'd he might not be disturbed, saying, *I am Easie, my Pain is gone, I have been in a sweet Frame, disturb me not, for I must mind my Dying;* and so lay still, and died like a Lamb: His Memory is blessed, and his End was sweet. He had his desire, an *Easie Passage into Eternity;* and is at Rest with the Just, who Live and Reign for ever.



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